"If You Want to Change House Rules,

Now Is the Time."

Insurgent Obtains the Floor.

Chided the Republicans.

Demands for Ruling Ignored

The speaker pro tem. recognized Representative Parker of New Jersey, republican, who began denouncing those who would try to amend the rules so as to take away the power of

the majority. Mr. Parker was frequently interrupted by the democrats, who were in high spirits.

Ignoring further demands for a ruling, the speaker pro tem, recognized Mr. Fowler of New Jersey.

the "insurgents."
"I am inclined to think," said Mr.

Disorder and Tumult.

NORWICH, CONN., FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 1910

HOUSE SPEAKER LOSING HIS GRIP

Resolution Suddenly Offered for a Change in Rules of the House

FIGHT STILL ON AT 2 THIS MORNING

Radical Step Taken Without Warning-Hurry Calls Sent Out for Absent Members-"If You Want to Change the nouse Rules Now is the Accepted Time"-Stubborn Filibuster of the Republican "Regulars"-At 2.30 this Morning House Still in Session.

Washington, March 18.—At two o'clock a. m., the house, by a vote of 134 to 125, defeated for the third time a motion to recess until 11.55 a. m. The stubborn filibuster of the republican "regulars" was resumed, against consideration of the resolution of Representative Norris of Nebraska, providing for the reorganization of the committee on rules, eliminating the peaker. "The speaker," retorted Mr. Cannon, who until now had watched the proceedings in grim silence, "would be prepared to rule on that question whenever any gentleman thinks that the minority has become the majority. But that presents an entirely different question from the one now before us." fore us.

The moment the vote was announced, and the obstinate test of endurance began again, the democrats renewed their cries of "Rule, rule."

Mr. Smith, republican of Iowa, and a member of the committee on rules, resumed the dreary debate. This was soon after 2 a. m., with no end in sight.

Majority of Seven Against Recess. Later it was found that an error had been made in the count and that there had really been a majority of seven against recess.

against recess.

The Iowa member concluded and Mr. Tawhey raised the point of order that there was "no quorum."

Mr. Underwood moved a call of the frouse. The call was ordered. The Situation at 2.30 A. M.

Washington, March 18.—It was generally understood at 2.30 a.m., that "regulars" had broken the quorum deliberately and were gone for the night. At that hour the prospect was that nothing further could be done before

AGGRESSIVE EFFORT BEGINS TO OUST SPEAKER CANNON

Without Warning a Resolution is Offered for a Change in Rules House-Fight on at Last,

Washington, March 17.—Encouraged by their repeated victories over the speaker and the regular republicans in the house of representatives, the "insurgents" began an aggressive effort today for a change in the rules of the house to oust Speaker Cannon from the committee on rules and curtail his power in legislative matters.

Radical Step Made Without Warning Without a note of warning that so radical a step would be made with the apparent support of a majority of the membership of the house, Representative Morris of Nebraska, late today, obtained the floor and offered a resolution for a change in the rules of the house.

had been looking forward to this cul-mination of their efforts to undermine or destroy the power of the speaker but there had been little or no thought that the fight for ascendency would

occur so soon.

Mr. Norris insisted that the language of the constitution gave his measure the same privilege that Speaker Cannon claimed for a resolution relating to taking the canvass. He asked that this resolution be placed before the house at once.

Mr. Norris' Resolution.

The question for hours was a resojution by Representative Nouris of Nebrasks, reading as follows:
"Resolved, That the rules of the
house be amended as follows:
"The committe on rules shall consist
of fifteen members, nine of whom shall
be members of the majority party, and
six of whom shall be members of the
minority party, to be selected as follows:

The states of the Union shall be divided by a committee of three elected by the house for that purpose into nine groups, each group containing as mear as may be an equal number of members belonging to the majority party. The states of the Union shall likewise be divided into six groups, each group containing as near as may be an equal number of members belonging to the minority party.

"At 10.38 o'clock on the day following the adoption of the report of said committee, each of said groups shall meet and select one of its number a greenber of the committee on rules. The

meet and select one of its number at member of the committee on rules. The place of meeting of said groups shall be designated by said committee of three in its report Each of said groups shall report to the house the name of the member selected for membership on the committee on rules.

"The committee on rules with a committee on rules shall select its own chairman; the speaker shall not be eligible to membership on said committee. All rules or parts thereof inconsistent with the foregoing resolution are hereby repealed."

May Prove Final Struggle.

On both the republican and demotic sides nearly every members was his place and all realized that at at the "insurgenta" were looking horns with the regular republicans in what might prove a final struggle. On both sides of the house, the "whips," realizing the necessity of obtaining full wating strength, set in motion all their

Hurry Calls for Absent Members. Telegrams were sent to those who ere absent on leave and had left the city. Taxicabs were ordered to make quick trips to the hotels and residences of the few members known to be in Washington who were not on hand.

The news of the imegnding fight goon spread about the city and the galleries, that had been but helf-filled,

galleries, that had been but helf-filled, became crowded.

Mr. Norris, whose scat is on the democratic side of the house, appealed to the speaker for a ruling in favor of the immediate consideration of his resolution. He insisted that the time had come for action by the house, so that it might take into its own hands matters affecting legislation.

Norris' Contention Promptly Endorsed

Norrie' Contention Promptly Endorsed
The attitude of the democrais toward the movement so suddenly got under way was made evident by the prompt endorsement of Mr. Norris' contentions by Mr. Underwood of Alabams, and by Champ Clark of Missouri, the minority leader.

Mr. Underwood insisted that the hanguage of the constitution made the Nebraskan's resolution a matter of the highest privilege. Mr. Clark reminded the speaker that he once said that the Representative Reeder of Kansas, republican, spoke amid disorder. With the surrounding aisles packed with democrats who interjected irrelevant and irreverent remarks, he denounced Nebrasken's resolution of Clark reminaed highest privilege. Mr Clark reminaed the speaker that he once said that the hopse could do anything it pleased, even to the efection of a new speaker. Reeder. "Why don't you?" yelled the demo-

Brussels, March 17.—The government has submitted the draft of a bill providing for reprisals against France f the tariff measure now pending in the French parliament is enacted into

Cabled Paragraphs

Paris, March 17.—Henry P. Davison of the banking house of Morgan & Co. is expected in Paris tomorrow in connection with the Hankow-Sze-Chuen \$39,000,000 raliroad loan tangle. The members of the French group do not conceal their impatience over the hitch in the negotiations, which they attribute to English "haggling."

Rome, March 17.—Colonel Roosevelt is expected in Naples on April 7 on the steamship Prinz Heinrich of the North German Lloyd line, due that day from Alexandria, from which port she is to sail on March 31. It is understood that Mr. Roosevelt will be in Rome on April 3 and that he will have an audience with King Victor Emmanuel on the 4th, being received by the pope on the day following.

Bombay, March 17.—It is reported that a wreck has been discovered off the northern coast of Madagascar, and it is believed that it is the missing British Indian Steamship company's steamer Loodiana, which sailed from Port Louis, Mauritius, January 10, for Colombo. The steamer Islanda of the same company has been sent to investigate the report. When last seen the Loodiana was in the path of a cyclone. The vessel carried ten European and seventy native passengers, in addition to her crew.

LOVE FOR THE TENDERLOIN WAS HIS UNDOING.

Escaped Sing Sing Convict Captured on Street Car.

New York, March 17.—After a ter-rific struggle in a street car on Ninth avenue today, Alexander Devoe, mur-derer and escaped convict, was subdued by the pressure of a revolver muzzle on his temple and captured single-handed by Detective Muggs. Devoc had gripped the trigger of his revolver, which was in his overcoat pocket, and, he admits, was about to shoot Muggs down when the detective selzed the

Mr. Clark, opposing any suggestion that the asolution be referred to the committee on rules, said that the committee, consisting of three republicans, including the speaker, and two democrats, could not be trusted with a measure curtalling its own powers. The republican majority of one on that committee was as great as the party's majority in the house, "and," he added, amid laughter, "more reliable."

"If you want to change the rules," he cried, looking over the house, "now is the accepted time."

When the applause had subsided, Majority Leader Payne made a feeling plea for "regularity." down when the detective seized the desperate man's hand and brought his own weapon effectively into play.

Devoe escaped from Sing Sing prison on March 9, after he had served two years of a life sentence for the murder of "Lefty Boyle." He was meek when he met Detective Jackson from Sing Sing at headquarters.

"I wanted to see the Tenderloin again, but it's all up now," he said sadly. "I meant to get together some money and go far away, but I stayed here like a fool." An outburst of applause following the plea on the republican side had hardly died out before Mr. Poindexter of Washington, one of the insurgents, obtained the floor. "Upon every question when a crisis arises," said Mr. Poindexter, "what is the practice in this house so far as the parliamentary procedure is concerned? A special order is brought out setting aside the rules which have been extelled by the 'gentleman from New York.'"

MINISTER KNOWLES ATTACKED. Assault Upon Our Representative in

tolled by the 'gentleman from New York.'"
Mr. Tawney, interrupting, asked the member from Washington whether the committee, which it was proposed to create, would not be as arbitrary as any other committee. He asked Mr. Foindexter whether the two members of the committee on rules were not selected by a republican caucus.

'It is more correct to say," interfected Mr. Norris, "that the cancus confirmed the men selected for that committee by the speaker."

"The speaker did not select them." San Domingo Reported. Washington, March 17 .- Horace G Washington, March 17.—Horace G. Knowles of Delaware, minister of the United States to the republic of San Domingo, was assaulted while riding in a vehicle in the public highways of Santo Domingo city last Sunday. The incident was reported by the American legation to the state department only

confirmed the men selected for that committee by the speaker."

"The speaker did not select them." retorted Mr. Tawney, "it was on my own motion that these members were selected."

"When a resolution comes from the gentleman from Minnesota." shouted Mr. Norris, "it is safe to say that its origin was not very far from the speaker of this house."

Legation to the state department only today.

The assuliant was a man named Castillo, a brother of the governor of the province. The authorities, immediately upon learning of the incident, arrested Castillo, who, they say, is mentally deranged. The Dominican government has expressed to Minister Knowles its regret at the incident.

While the officers connected with the United States legation are of the opin-Uproarious applause which inter-rupted the proceedings for several ninutes greeted the Nebraskan's requarters that there is some unrest in the republic.

Bellevue Nurses Complain of Poor Food.

one of the most vigorous speeches was made by Hamilton Fish of New York, who described his efforts to obtain a hearing on his bill for the creation of a parcels post.

"Your resolution gave the committee only thirty days to conclude its work," suggested Mr. Smith of Iowa.

"Oh," exclaimed the New Yorker, derisively, "you could have changed that to give yourselves sixty or ninety days." New York, March 17,-The large orps of internes and about a hundred turses at Bellevue hospital threaten o leave that institution because of

then followed charges and counter charges concerning the possibility of having bills brought before the house unless approved by the powers in the Mr. Reeder finished his speech amid

Representative Cooper of Wisconsin, a leader of the "insurgents," was recognized after Representative Olmsted in the chair had succeeded in restoring order. Mr. Cooper proceeded to defend the course of the "insurgents" and to scathingly denounce the "regunrs"

inness approved by the powers in the house.

A long speech was made by J. Sioat Fassett of New York, who appealed to his republican colleagues to resist any effort to divide the party.

Mr. Fassett read a letter written by Mr. Roosevelt to Mr. Watson of Indiana, in 1906, in which Mr. Roosevelt referred to the great work accomplished by the house of representatives under the management of Mr. Cannon. This evoked prolonged applause among the regular republicans.

Representative Gardner of Michigan characterized the speaker as the wisest man in public or private life.

Mr. Madison of Kansas said that favorable action on the resolution would result in republican victory at the polls, because the country would then know that representative government had been restored in the house.

Chided the Republicans. "I refuse," said Mr. Cooper, "to deal in personalities, to denounce Speaker Cannon, although on the floor of the house some months ago, he stood there, a few feet distant from me, and without provocation called me a demagogue. And for what? For nothing more than that I did not agree with him that there should be a high protective tariff on Standard Oil." An Extraordinary Scene.

Mr. Tawney then moved that the house take a recess until 11 a. m. to-morrow. This the house defeated by a vote of 142 to 147. Mr. Malby, republican, of New York childed those republicans who joined with the democrats to give the minor-ity control of the house, Cannon Explains Why He Removed Members from Committeeships.

Rounding Up Forces.

When he had finished, Representative Roberts of Massachusetts made the point of "ne quorum," on which an aye and nay vote was demanded, twenty-five minutes being consumed on the question whether there should be a call of the house. The "whips" on both sides began rounding up their forces and members poured back into the chamber to answer to their names. The "regulars" were again defeated, the vote being 108 ayes, 116 nays.

During Mr. Malby's speech, Representative James, democrat, of Kentucky, made a point of order against it, declaring the speaker was not addressing himself to the point. The speaker, in overruling Mr. James, said he thought members wanted full opportunity of expression.

The democrats began calling upon he speaker for a ruling, but Mr. Cannon yielded his chair to Representative Olmsted of Pennsylvania, and left the chamber. Members from Committeeships.

Interrupting at last, Mr. Cannon asked if Mr. Gardner of Massachusetts was in the house, and, the Massachusetts member appearing, the speaker asked him to tell the house how he ceased to be chairman of the committee on industrial arts and expositions.

Mr. Gardner said he went off that committee voluntarily to avoid embarrassment in his course as an "insurgent."

Mr. Cannon then explained why he removed several members from their committeeships. Fowler of New Jersey, he said, as chairman of the banking and currency committee, refused to report the emergency currency bill after the republican caucus had twice declared in favor of the bill. Murdock of Kansas, Norris of Nebraska and Cooper of Wisconsin, he said, refused to attend and abide by the will of the to attend and abide by the will of the

to attend and abide by the will of the republican caucus.

"And," said Mr. Cannon, "this being a government by party, the speaker made the appointments as he conceived it to be his duty in respect to the trust reposed in him by his party."

Speaker Cannon resumed the chair after Mr. Cannon had concluded. The speaker said he ought to rule on the soint of order only after due consideration of precedents. After the house had refused to adjourn or to take a recess the democrats cried amid great

had refused to adjourn or to take a recess the demo-rats cried amid great excitement: "Rule!" "Rule!"

"The gentleman from Ohio," shouted the speaker above the pandemonium.

"Rule, rule, rule!" insisted the demo-The speaker's frown gave way to a genial smile. He kissed the tips of his fingers towards his opponents, then bowed to them politely and recognized Mr. Keifer of Ohio, who spoke at length State-Wide Strike Fairbanks Home To be Called From World Tour

ANNOUNCEMENT.

ONE OBSTACLE TO AGREEMENT

And That is the Disposal of the Mer Whose Discharge Brought on the Philadelphia Strike.

Philadelphia, March 17.—Nothing definite having been accomplished by the several conferences held today by the several conferences held today by persons interested in trying to bring a settlement of the street carmen's strike, the committee of ten announced tonight that E. E. Greenawall, president of the State Federation of Labor, would call the state-wide strike next Monday. The labor leaders say they have already received assurances that men in Pittsburg, Erie, Scranton and Wilkesbarre and a number of other cities in the state will join in the cities in the state will join in the

Company Say Strike is Over. A though State Senator Wolf, vice president of the Rapid Transit company, asserted that as far as the company was concerned the strike was over and that it was "standing pat," it is believed that the only obstacle to an agreement between the men and the company is the disposal of the 178 men whose discharge precipitated the walk-out.

Another child was killed and one probably fatally injured by the cars in different sections of the city.

ARKANSAS MOB THREATENS VENGEANCE ON NEGROES. Declare There Will Be Two Lynched at Daylight.

West Marion, Ark., March 18. Threatening vengeance upon every ne-gro in Marion, Ark., five miles east of here, a mob of 200 armed citizens has locked in the jail two alleged negro jall breakers whom they declare they will lynch at daylight. Other negroes in the town were attacked by the mob to-night. Wire communication with Marinight. Wire communication with Mari-

TURKISH FANATIC CONFESSES. Man Who Wounded Two American Women in Mosque to Be Punished.

Washington, Murch 17 .- The Afghan fanatic who shot and wounded two American women about a week ago while visiting the Mosque of Omar near Jerusalem has been arrested and has confessed having committed the assault. The American charge at Constantinople in a telegram to the state. assault. The American charge at Constantinople, in a telegram to the state department, says that the culprit is being held pending the result of the injuries to the American women. One of the women lost an yea. The Turkleh government officers have declared it their purpose to inflict the severest punishment upon the assailant. They have called at the American embassy and expressed their regret at the ocand expressed their regret at the oc-

\$75,000 FIRE IN HAVERHILL.

Haverhill, Mass., March 17,-The usiness section of Haverhill was business section of Haverhill was threatened with destruction today by a fire which caused a loss of \$75,000 before it could be extinguished. Three wooden business blocks, the Board of Trade building, the Littlefield block and the Morse block on Merrimac street, were burned out. The loss on the buildings is estimated at \$10,000. The remainder of the loss, \$65,000, is divided among the forms occurrently. to leave that institution because of the poor food they charge is served to them. Goars' meat in the guise of divided among the firms occupying the mutton, stale vegetables and staler fish are some of the things to which the company, whose damage is set at \$20,000, was the heaviest individual loser.

CONNECTICUT CO. TROLLEYMEN In Conference With Officials Over Demands of the Men.

New Haven, Conn., March 17.—Representatives of the trolleymen in the employ of the Connecticut company's lines in the state met in conference today with officials of the company and the demands for an increase in wages, recognition of the union and a ninerecognition of the union and a nine-hour workday gone into. The different sections of the demands were gone over with and a second meeting will be held in the near future. The com-pany's answer to the men, it is ex-pected, will be given on the 25th, and will probably be in the nature of a counter proposition.

Smith College Students Barred from Moving Picture Shows.

An extraordinary scene occurred when Mr. Cooper, reciting individual instances in which he declared members of the house had been punished by the speaker by being refused important committee assignments, called by name upon one after another of his colleagues to testify as to the treatment they received from the speaker. Mr. Cannon had left the chair and stood on the raised dais at the clerk's desk observing the Wisconsin member with a serious expression.

Moving Picture Shows.

Northampton, Mass., March 17.—From the cultured precincts of Smith college to the moving picture halls and the "ten-twenty-thirty" melodrama house is an excursion that has been officially hanned by the student council today requested the students not to attend entertainments of the type mentioned. The girls have looked upon their visits to the cheaper places of amusement as Bohemian "larks" and have been attending in such large num-

Chauffeurs Convicted of Manslaughter in Second Degree.

New York, March II.—Two young chauffeurs, George Fenn and James F. Cross of Brooklyn, were convicted of manslaughter in the second degree tonight by a Brooklyn jury. Charles Denike, a third chauffeur, recently convicted in the same degree, will be sentenced with Fenn and Cross tomorrow. Justice Crane has intimated that all three will receive sentences to Elmira reformatory.

A pretty St. Patrick's whist was given on Thursday afternoon by Mrs. A. C. Wright of No. 96 McKinley avenue, five tables playing. Score cards and table ribbons were in the prevail-ing color for the day, while the boatess and several of the guests were becomingly gowned in green.

The prizes were taken as follows: Mrs. John H. Powelson, a brass candle shade with green jewels and green fringe; Mrs. William H. Oat, a medallion; Mrs. Charles W. Vaughn, a frog. The novel refreshments were another appropriate reminder of the day, censisting of Irish stew, fruit salad with

Middlebury, Vt., March 17.—Twenty-five thousand dollars, provided \$50,000 more is raised by commencement day in June, has been offered by ex-Governor John G. CcCullough of Bennington for a gymnasium for Middlebury college. President Thomas of the college issued an appeal to the alumni March 9 for a gymnasium fund and has already received \$5,000.

Erie Railroad Men Ask for Increase. New York, March 17.—Twenty-five representatives of the engineers of the Eris railroad called upon J. C. Stuart, vice president and general manager of the Erel railroad today to present demands for increased wages. The conference this afternoon was preliminary and negotiations will extend over several days.

Worcester, Mass., March 17.—Commodore Charles Ward Bartlett, a grandson of Artemus Ward, the famous humorist, died here today of acute bronchitis at the age of 59 years.

THE COMMITTEE OF TEN MAKE ARRIVED LAST NIGHT ON THE CUNARDER MAURETANIA.

BRINGS MESSAGE OF PEACE

From Japan-Chicago Speculator Ja-Patten Returned on Same Ship-Trip Envivened by Experience Tales.

New York, March 17.—Charles War-ren Fairbanks of Indianapolis, former vice president of the United States, came back home tonight with a mes-sage of peace. After an absence of nearly a year on a tour around the world, he arrived in New York harbor on the giant Cunarder Mauretania, which established a new record on her westward course. westward course. Patten a Companion Passenger. On the same vessel came James A. Fatten, the Chicago speculator, who was so roughly handled recently on the Manchester exchange. Mr. Patten and the former vice president talked freely.

Peace With Japan. Peace with Japan was the burden of his interview and by a strange coincidence he reaches New York in time to be a guest of honor with President Tatt at a dinner of the American Peace and Arbitration league, at the Hostel Astor on Tuesday night.

A Story Grows as It Travels. New York, March 17—James A. Patten, who arrived tonieht from Liverpool on the same steamer with former Vice President Fairbanks, detailed his "booing" on the Manchester exchange, "There was no violence offered me," he said. "The story has traveled 3,000 miles, and I understand that the farther a story travels the bigger it grows."

MEETING OF MEN OF CHRIST CHURCH.

Rev. P. M. Kerridge of New London Spoke—Social Gathering Without Refreshments.

In response to an invitation to a "feedless" gathering, for which he had sent out a novel invitation two weeks ago, Rev. Neilson Poe Carey had about thirty-five men of Christ church at a meeting in the Sunday school rom on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock to meet the new rector of St. James' church, New London, Rev. P. M. Kerridge, and to talk over some of the church business. Rev. Mr. Carey was not in the best of shape for talking himseif, owing to a severe grip cold from which he is recovering, but he carried out the meeting with his characteristic enthusiasm, providing an interesting gathering for the company of men.

In his explanatory words in opening the meeting, he told the men of the parlish that he had a desire that the men should knew more about the business of the church, which was one of his reasons which might fit the cases of those who could not come, and had asked that those not attending might send their excuses. Rev. Mr. Carey read had a deceived, those that were read commenting in a somewhat jocular way upon his sliotf excuses, which

commenting in a somewhat jocular way upon his sliotf excuses, which was as follows:

Another engagement.
 Out of town.
 What's the use?

Too lazy.

Fear a scheme to raise money.

My wife won't let me. Don't like your undignified way.

Rev. Mr. Kerridge of the New London church was present and spoke in-formally, advising tha the men be bet-

formally, advising that he men be better acquainted with the constitution of the church and the duties of clergy and litty. He also urged that they get into sympathetic touch with the rector, who wants the companionship of the men of the parish. His words were applicated.

Rev. Mr. Carey, as a means of instructing the men on what it costs to run Christ church, showed on a blackboard a comparative table of receipts and expenditures, explaining the various items somewhat in detail. A number took part in the general discussion which closed the evening.

FORESTERS' WHIST. Past Chief Ranger's Jewels Presented -Prize Winners.

Two past chief rangers of Court Sachem, No. 94. Foresters, were presented with past chief ranger's jewels suitably inscribed at the meeting of the court Thursday evening in Foresters hall.
Following the business meeting there was a whist at which eight tables were played and refreshments were served. The following were awarded the prizes: Firsts, Mrs. Fred Cartier, a brooch; Henry Christman, a box of sigars. Seconds, Miss Blanche Chambers, a hatpin; Carl Swan, cuff buttons and scarfpin. Consolations, Mrs. James Sullivan, a small green dress suit case; Louis Walz, a small green stovepipe hat.

Those in charge of the dance were as follows:

Master of ceremonies—F. J. Murtha, Floor director—Edward T. Burke.
Aldes—Jeremiah Desmond, William FitzJerald, George Drescher, Frank Harrington, James J. Smith, James J. Harper, John W. Burke, Joseph D. Pfelifer, Joseph C. Bland, John R. Tarrington, John R. Tarrington.

M. V. Murphy, Dr. T. A. Crowley, William T. Ward, Charles Carberry, Dr. William T. Ward, Charles Carberry, Dr. William C. McLaughlin, Arrangement committee—F. J. Murtha, James J. Finnigan, John F. Mc-Veigh, Francis J. Brennan, P. J. Mortey, William Caples, John E. Reddy.

ST. PATRICK'S WHIST. Given by Mrs. A. C. Wright, Five Tables Being Played.

A pretty St. Patrick's whist

shade with green jewels and green fringe; Mrs. William H. Oat, a medallion; Mrs. Charles W. Vaughn, a frog. The novel refreshments were another appropriate reminder of the day, capsisting of Irish stew, fruit salad with green cherries, sherbet and coffee.

A special supper which was well patronized was served on Thursday evening by the Helping Hands at the Spiritual academy, the supper room being decorated in green. Whipped cream ple was a special addition to the ordinary menu. The Jack Horner ple ordinary menn. The Jack Horner pie was a great success. Two announcements were made, the first being that Mrs. May Pepper-Vanderbik is to be here next Tuesday, which will be her last engagement for a long time, as on April 1st she takes up again the leadership of the Aurora Grata cathedral in Brooklyn. N. Y., where she was formerly for three years. Invitations were also extended to the whist at Mrs. Johnson's next Thursday on Washington street.

Raymond O'Neill Home.

Condensed Telegrams

Commodore Hoogaard, the Danish Arctic explorer, died in Copenhagen.

President Taft Has Awarded life saving medals to two men for saving the lives of women.

Prof. Morris H. Morgan of Harvard, who married Eleanora Seemes G of Baltimore, is dead.

The Prussian Diet Passed the nment's suffrage bill that aroused the claimst demonstrations.

John A. Airhart, who was hurt in a football game last October at Abliene Tex., died of his injuries. Mgr. Ambrose Agius, apostolic dele-ate to the Philippines, was received a private audience by the pope.

The Peoria (III.) Medical Society, to which John Greene Ballance bequeath-d his corpse, refused to accept the

The Administration Railroad Bill caused a sharp debate in the senate, in which Aldrish was accused of hiding

The Tender of the Locomotive on the Pennsylvania Flyer jumped the track while making seventy miles an hour at Richmond, Ind.

Dr. Wharton Sinker, famous as a nerve specialist, died in Philadelphia. Consul Junior, the Chimpanzee, valued at \$50,000, died of pneumonia.

Japan Will Not Object to the perma-nent peace court proposed by Secre-tary Knox, though the foreign office

Esther Kaplan, Aged 17 Years, built a bonfire of newspapers and then walked into it in a public square in New York to "purge herself of sin."

Joseph H. Choate, in addressing the general assembly at Albany, attacked public service commissions, declaring that inexperienced men were substituted for trained officials.

SMALL CROWD AT LECTURE. Explorer Peary Cuts Short His Tour in the South.

York, March 17.—Robert E. Peary has cut short his lecture tour in the south. The refusal of Governor Brown of Georgia to introduce him to an Atlanta audience hast night, his reference to the commander in an in-

Decorations. The 22d annual ball of the Second division, A. O. H., was held at the armory on Thursday evening, being as usual the big event of St. Patrick's night. The big drill shed was filled with the friends of Division No. 2 and a delightful affair it was. There were over 590 in attendance, and a programme of eighteen dances was greatly enjoyed. Miller's full orchestra furnished delightful music and many encores weer demanded.

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The decorations were decidedly attractive, being the most claborate of any ever attempted before, the electrical display being a gorgeous effect. It was the same electric display as at the Third company's ball, except that the Illuminated star had a large green bell in the center, together with an American and an Irish flag, while at either side of the orchestra stand were American and Ilrsh flags. About the hall were festoons of buntlag and shields and flags of green. Over the orchestra stand were the illuminated letters A. O. H.

During the first half of the pro-

letters A. O. H.

During the first half of the programme Edward T. Burke announced the winners of the Hibernian essay contest, which with the prize winning essays will be found on page 11. The announcement met with great applause. The committee was greatly pleased with the large number participating ing the contest, and the improvement in the general standard over those received last year. The \$25 was divided as follows: \$10, \$7, \$5, \$3 to the four winners. About 200 wrote essays.

Those in charge of the dance were as follows:

THIRD COMPANY'S CLASSES HAVE THEIR SHOOT.

Range-Indoor Baseball Game for Tonight.

There was much interest in the shoot of the members of the Third company at the indoor range at the armor—Thursday evening for prizes offered by the officers and non-coms of the company. Four classes were arranged and the members in all four

Capt, Hagbers. Second Class—10 shots: Private Ortman 44: Private Lester 43: Private Dion 43; Sergeant Ortman 42; Mech.

Dion 43; Sergeant Ortman 42; Mech. Ranger 41; Quartermaster Sergt. Brewster 46.

Third Class: Private Nowatzky 38; Private Rose 38; Private Stewart 34.

Fifth Class: Private McMonnies 28; Private Broduer 20.

It is expected that Mayor Ellis will be here next week for the instruction of the officers of both companies in coast artillery work. The new instruments received have not been set up yet, not all the material baing here.

Tonight there will be an indoor baseball game between the Third company team and the Wauregan house team. The latter team is arranging to have Captain Scanlon of the baseball team last year to come on from

Ould Sod' Disappears

TAKEN BY SOUVENIR HUNTERS. IT IS ALLEGED.

CARRIED OFF DURING NIGHT

President Taft Did Not Stand on For eign Soil at the Chicago St. Patrick's Day Banquet.

Chicago, March 17.—St. Patrick was notably remembered in Chicago today but the brunt of the celebration fell upon President Taft, and he was a thoroughly tried man when his train left tonight for Rochester, N. Y. During the day he spoke to members of the Chicago Newspaper club, the Traffic club, to a mass meeting, to members and guests of the Hamilton club, and twice at functions provided by the Irish Fellowship club, which was his host for the day. In these speeches the president touched on "Statesmen correspondents," who colored facts to suit their views.

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Something of a Mystery. Chicago, March 17.—The true in-wardness of why President Taft did not stand on a piece of the "ould sod" "at the St. Patrick banquet tonight is something of a mystery. At any event the sod has for the most part disap-peared, being carried away during last night, it is alleged, by souvenir hunt-

The soil was imported so that the president might address Irish-Americans from the soil of the Emeraldisle Upon its arrival in Chicago it was stored in a room at the La Salle hotel, where the banquet was held tenight.

The president, who during the day had discussed in vigorous fashion various live questions of the day, placidly read a long appreciation of Ireland's patron saint and touched on the his-

patron saint and touched on the history of Ireland and her long struggle for at least quasi-independence.

No Clear Explanation. Ever since its arrival crowds of Irishmen and women have visited the hotel and cried at the sight of this tangible bit of their fatherland. Some of these people undoubtedly carried away small pieces of the sod but the heaviest inroad is said to have been made last night, and just how it was made is not clearly explained by the souvenir hypothesis.

souvenir hypothesis. In some quarters, it is hinted that an Atlanta audience hast night, his reference to the commander in an interview as a "faker" and the small but was deliberate, to carry out the brought forth an announcement by the Civic Forum in New York tonight, under whose auspices Peary is lecturing, that his plans have been changed.

ANNUAL DANCE OF

HIBERNIANS AT ARMORY.

Big Drill Shed Filled With Friends of Division No. 2, A, O. H.—Handsome

No Move to Discover Culprits. While the souvenir explanation may

be the correct one, the police are making no move to discover the culprits, peace reigns amongst the cratwhile discoutants and the president had to be content with carrying a small church of the content with carrying a small Washington

When the disappearance was dis-covered today the official explanation included a statement that the sod was altogether too bulky for a banquet-room and that it was not a good place to have a chair, anyway

PROBING COST OF LIVING

Meat Packers Disclaim Responsibility for High Prices, Washington, March 17.—Life the re-tailers, the meat packers disclaim re-sponsibility for the increased cost of meat and its products. Witnesses to-day before the senate committee which

day before the senate committee which is investigating the cost of living discussed the situation from the packers point of view and expressed the opinion that the farmers were enjoying all the benefits of the high prices.

George I. McCarthy of New York, publisher of the National Provisioner, and secretary of the American Meat Packers' association, thought the meat inspection law had been an important factor in increasing prices.

He said this inspection cost the packer a quarter of a cent a pound on his products and was in a measure responsible for the higher price to the consumer.

GOV. WEEKS THE GUEST Of Knights of St. Patrick at New Ha-

New Haven, March 17.—Gov. Frank B Weeks tonight as the guest of the Knights of St. Patrick, Joke of the last speech of the late Governor Lilley and of his advovacy of the appointing of various days in which to honor the illustrious dead, Among the other speakers was Creswell McLaugh-lin of Cornwall on the Hudson, who, speaking of Roosevelt, said he could have the United States any time he wanted him. He classed him with Lincoln and Washington and said that he became president just in time to prevent the United States from hecoming an aristocracy. New Haven, March 17 .- Gov. Frank

Senator Daniel's Condition Shows a Slight Improvement. Daytona. Fla., March 17.—The following bulletin, signed by Drs. C. C. Bohannon and E. A. Waugh, was issud at nine o'clock tonight:
"Senator John W. Daniel's condition

shows a slight improvement. The state of come has bessened a little since morning. We are much pleased at bemorning. We are much pleased at be-inble able to announce a slight im-provement, but we fear that it will prove to be but temporary and that the worst may come soon."

Body of Late Brazilian Ambassador En Route to Rio Janeiro.

Norfolk, Va., March 17.—Bearing the Senor Nabuco, to Rio De Janeiro, the American armored cruiser North Caro-line, accompanied by the Brazilian dreadnought Minas Geraes as convoy. salled from Hampton Roads shortly before 4 o'clock this afternoon. The president's yacht Mayflower, which bore the body from Washington to the Roads, escorted the two vessels as far as the Virginia capes.

Steamship Arrivals.

At Havre: March 17, La Lorraine, from New York.
At Genoa: March 14, America, from New York.
At Bremen: March 17, Rhein, from New York. At Naples: March 17, Prinzess from New York.

Dr. Sara Janson-Langille of Chicago